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Don Silawsky
Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47)
US department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585-0229

Dear Mr. Silawsky;

I am a citizen of Richton and former Legislator for Perry County. During the 1980's our salt dome was studied extensively for storage of nuclear waste. During the early 1990's we were also studied for a site for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Because of the vast amount of studies already completed, I feel we should be a number one candidate.

The use of this site would also be a great boost for South Mississippi in their recovery from Katrina.

I urge you to recommend the Richton salt dome for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve expansion.

Sincerely,

Dorthy Cole